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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: DIA Communications Link

1. This memorandum is for information only.
Particular reference is made to paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

2. A meeting was held in the Satellite Operations Center, 27 August 1963, to discuss a communications link between Defense Intelligence Agency and Project Headquarters. Those in attendance were:



3. Justification for the communications facility is based on the requirement for DIA to produce mission runs of photographic coverage predictions after a Satellite Launch. An example of the traffic requirements was illustrated by presenting some twelve messages currently generated on the West Coast which include information necessary for this prediction. All of this information is presently provided to DIA through the Satellite Operations Center by manually sterilizing the message and hand-carrying it to DIA. This method is time-consuming and inefficient and during the busy period, Satellite Operations Center

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representatives are unable to keep DIA fully informed. It was agreed by representatives of SOC that this communication facility is highly desirable. It was further pointed out that the product prepared by DIA is used by NPIC during the exploitation phase of the mission.

4. Communications traffic was discussed at length and the DIA representatives felt there was no requirement for two-way communications, and that it was their prime desire to receive the data. This position is unrealistic and our experience has proven that once a facility is installed full utilization is made both sending and receiving. It was concluded that messages to be provided DIA would be in accordance with the appropriate Reports Control Manual whether they be originated by a West Coast facility or by Project Headquarters. Outgoing traffic from DIA will be via the Satellite Operations Center who will be responsible for monitoring DIA traffic.

5. All attendees were advised that these agreements in no way provided authority for handling of information relative to Program B. They were further advised that the Director of Program B is presently reviewing all IDEALIST procedures to assure that the best possible security is maintained.

Original signed by



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